GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

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AUCTION OF SPECTRUM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Spectrum auction likely in smaller chunks of 5Mhz. as reported in the Business Line dated March 31, 2008;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) the expected revenue to be earned by the Government from auctioning of spectrum;and

(d) the action taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINITRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) to (d) The report of the "Business Line" dated 31.03.08 is about entry of more operators in Broadband Wireless Access (BWA) services and allocation of spectrum to them. The Government has announced broad guidelines for BWA services (copy enclosed).

The revenue earned by the Government from auctioning of spectrum can not be indicated at this stage. In addition to the amount collected by the Government through auctions, the operators pay annual spectrum charges based on their Adjusted Gross Revenue.